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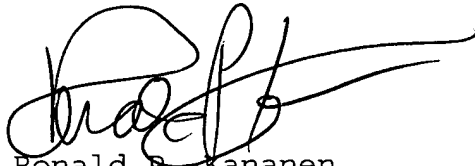
Sir:

The applicant through its representatives and attorneys, hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner copies of the current prosecution histories for two Reexamination files relating to the Golden Patent No. 5,761,648 cited in the specification as filed and an earlier Information Disclosure Statement. The documents are identified on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

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